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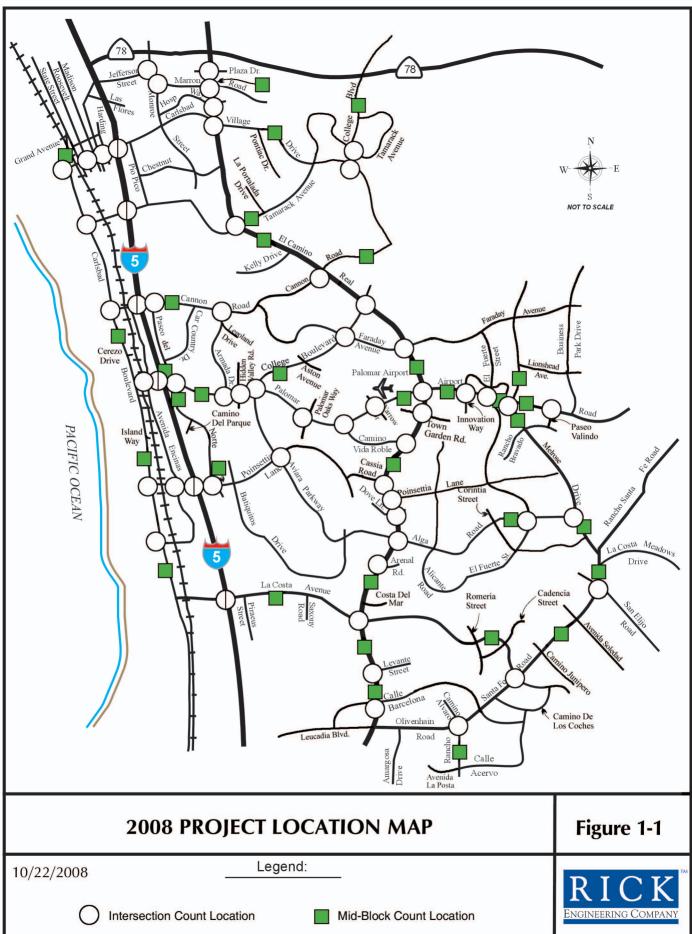
1. INTRODUCTION

PROJECT OVERVIEW

In attempts by cities across the country to manage growth within their communities, Growth Management Plans have been developed. An important part of a Growth Management Plan is a Traffic Monitoring Program. The Traffic Monitoring Program entails the collection and analysis of data at critical mid-block link count locations and major intersections throughout the community. Typically, data requirements for Traffic Monitoring Programs include the average daily traffic volumes recorded at mid-block locations and peak hour turn movement counts at major signalized and unsignalized intersections. The field data is then reduced and capacity analysis is performed based on existing geometrics and lane configurations. The analysis of intersections and mid-block link locations enables the jurisdiction to identify potential capacity problem areas where unacceptable operations exist or may become problematic in the future. This information is intended to assist the City of Carlsbad in assessing future development adjacent to these existing or future problem locations where capacity deficiencies currently exist and the mitigation measures that may be required to eliminate the deficiency.

This report documents the twentieth year's results of the Growth Management Plan Traffic Monitoring Program for the City of Carlsbad. The City of Carlsbad identified sixty-five (65) key intersections and thirty-four (34) key mid-block link locations for analysis. Similar efforts occurred for years 1989-2007 during June, July and August that provided a basis for comparison.

The City of Carlsbad is a coastal community located in Southern California, 35 miles north of San Diego, and the current population is approximately 103,811. Interstate 5 runs north and south near the western edge of Carlsbad and is a major route for commuters to both Orange County and San Diego. The facility also carries a significant amount of through traffic as the primary coastal route linking San Diego to Orange County and Los Angeles. The Carlsbad Circulation system includes the following arterials: El Camino Real, Palomar Airport Road, La Costa Avenue, Rancho Santa Fe Road, Carlsbad Boulevard, and Melrose Drive. The project location map, **Figure 1-1**, shows the alignment of the major roadways throughout Carlsbad and the intersections and mid-block link locations evaluated in this year's Traffic Monitoring Program.



ANNUAL REPORT ORGANIZATION

Rick Engineering Company collected data during the Summer of 2008 at requested mid-block link locations and intersections within and adjacent to the City of Carlsbad. The results of this data collection effort are included in the appendix at the end of this report. In addition to the technical appendix, Rick Engineering Company has prepared a summary section for this Annual Report. Summary information is presented in this initial section of the report, and a description of the contents of Chapters 2, 3 and 4 is provided below.

As mentioned previously, a total of thirty-four (34) mid-block link count locations were identified by the City of Carlsbad for the collection of 2008 average daily traffic (ADT) volume counts. Rick Engineering Company coordinated the placement of its counters with City staff and later reviewed the ADT volumes and performed roadway segment analyses. The results of the mid-block link analysis for the Summer count period are contained in Chapter 2.

Although mid-block link analysis provides a good indication of roadway operations in rural settings, intersections tend to be the dominant factor in traffic operations within the urban sections of most communities. Thus, the City of Carlsbad identified sixty-five (65) key intersections to be analyzed. AM (6:00 to 9:00 AM) and PM (3:30 to 6:30 PM) peak period turn movement volumes were collected at each project intersection. The data was reduced to identify the peak hour turn movement volumes and approach delays, and this information was then analyzed using the Intersection Capacity Utilization (ICU) method for signalized intersections. The results of the intersection data collection and analysis activities are presented in Chapter 3.

Critical project findings and conclusions are documented in Chapter 4. Technical issues are discussed and recommendations for future traffic monitoring activities are also presented in Chapter 4.

2. MID-BLOCK LINK COUNTS

Mid-block link counts were conducted at thirty-four (34) locations throughout the City of Carlsbad and can be identified on **Figure 2-1**. Rick Engineering Company conducted the link counts using mechanical tube counters that were placed and monitored for two consecutive days (48-hours). The counts resulted in the determination of average daily traffic (ADT) volumes, and these ADT volumes for the Summer count period are summarized in the Appendix. The City of Carlsbad assumes a one-direction maximum capacity of 1,800 vehicles per lane, per hour, in the peak period. Mid-block link analysis was calculated by a maximum one-direction lane volume to capacity ratio.

The 2008 midblock lane volume to capacity ratio was correlated to the level of service for the thirty-four (34) midblock locations as follows:

MIDBLOCK LINK COUNT LEVEL OF SERVICE RANGES

Ratio	LOS
0.00 - 0.60	A
0.61 - 0.70	В
0.71 - 0.80	C
0.81 - 0.90	D
0.91 - 1.00	E
Greater than 1.00	F

Figure 2-1 graphically illustrates the 2008 levels of service during the peak hour. Table 2-1 summarizes and compares the Summer 2008 mid-block link analysis with data from 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Based on the results of the mid-block link analysis, no locations were identified as operating at LOS C, D, E or F. However, only the following location was found to operate below LOS A.:

Cannon Road between El Camino Real and College Boulevard, v/c=0.68, LOS B

The volumes along Palomar Airport Road east of El Camino Real have decreased about 12% from the previous year. This is most likely due to the openings of the northerly extension of Melrose Drive at the intersection of Palomar Airport Road, which was completed shortly after the traffic counts were conducted for the 2006 count season, the extension of Faraday Avenue from Orion Street to Melrose Drive in October 2007, and the state of the economy. The volumes along Carlsbad Boulevard have decreased from the previous year (about 14%).

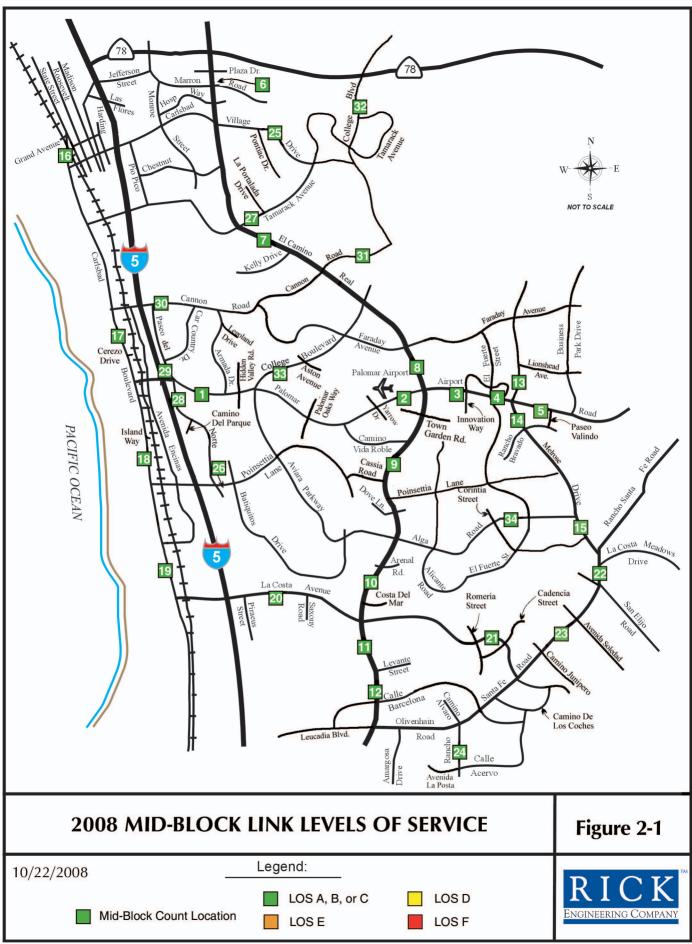


Table 2-1

CITY OF CARLSBAD MID-BLOCK LINK LEVELS OF SERVICE ANALYSIS SUMMARY

			Summe	r 2004	Summe	r 2005	Summe	r 2006	Summe	r 2007	Summer 2008		
Location Number	Segment	Segment Location	ADT	Peak LOS	ADT	Peak LOS	ADT	Peak LOS	ADT	Peak LOS	ADT	Peak LOS	
1	Palomar Airport Road	Paseo Del Norte and Armada Drive	53,216	A	51,285	A	53,378	A	53,175	A	49,570	A	
2	Palomar Airport Road	Yarrow Drive and El Camino Real	33,771	A	32,154	A	32,960	A	33,820	A	33,523	A	
3	Palomar Airport Road	El Camino Real and Loker Ave. W./Innovation Wy.	53,605	A	49,907	A	51,673	A	52,739	A	43,920	A	
4	Palomar Airport Road	El Fuerte Street and Melrose Drive									42,287	A	
5	Palomar Airport Road	Melrose Drive and Paseo Valindo/Eagle Drive	53,222	D	52,792	C	49,245	A	36,290	A	33,875	A	
6	El Camino Real	Plaza Drive and Marron Road	40,314	A	36,540	A	30,832	A	31,375	A	26,713	A	
7	El Camino Real	Tamarack Avenue and Kelly Drive	33,190	В	27,031	A	25,178	A	25,509	A	23,717	A	
8	El Camino Real	Faraday Avenue and Palomar Airport Road	32,976	A	36,694	A	36,712	A	38,417	A	37,735	A	
9	El Camino Real	Camino Vida Roble and Cassia Road	32,464	A	32,038	A	29,801	A	30,375	A	28,048	A	
10	El Camino Real	Arenal Road and Costa Del Mar Road	48,393	В	47,753	A	47,091	A	50,905	C	43,213	A	
11	El Camino Real	La Costa Avenue and Levante Street	37,906	A	37,279	A	36,097	A	39,105	A	31,933	A	
12	El Camino Real	Levante Street and Calle Barcelona	36,388	A	36,340	A	36,413	A	39,367	A	31,275	A	
13	Melrose Drive	Lionshead Avenue and Palomar Airport Road							25,995	A	22,637	A	
14	Melrose Drive	Palomar Airport Road and Rancho Bravado	12,125	A	12,520	A	12,102	A	17,742	A	16,969	A	
15	Melrose Drive	Alga Road and Corintia Street					16,476	A	20,880	A	18,667	A	
16	Carlsbad Boulevard	Mountain View Drive and State Steet	16,605	A	15,669	A	14,868	A	13,985	A	12,065	A	
17	Carlsbad Boulevard	Cannon Road and Cerezo Drive	20,288	A	19,780	В	19,034	A	18,163	A	15,485	A	
18	Carlsbad Boulevard	Poinsettia Lane and Island Way	18,672	A	18,808	A	17,267	A	16,114	A	12,949	A	
19	Carlsbad Boulevard	Avenida Encinas and La Costa Avenue	20,048	A	24,683	A	18,126	A	19,474	A	17,905	A	
20	La Costa Avenue	Saxony Road and Piraeus Street	31,531	A	31,777	A	32,578	A	33,245	A	32,254	A	
21	La Costa Avenue	Cadencia Street and Romeria Street	10,412	A	11,750	A	12,061	A	12,492	A	11,819	A	
22	Rancho Santa Fe Road	La Costa Meadows Drive and San Elijo Road	33,997	D	30,853	C	30,516	A	34,674	A	31,222	A	
23	Rancho Santa Fe Road	Avenida Soledad and Camino Junipero	31,155	A	35,763	A	36,589	A	39,947	A	35,754	A	
24	Rancho Santa Fe Road	Olivenhain Road and Calle Acervo/Avenida La Posta	16,046	A	17,517	A	16,739	A	17,028	A	17,445	A	
25	Carlsbad Village Drive	Victoria Avenue and Pontiac Drive	8,202	A	5,977	A	5,866	A	6,168	A	5,665	A	
26	Poinsettia Lane	Paseo Del Norte and Batiquitos Drive	24,332	A	25,057	A	26,127	A	26,623	A	24,650	A	
27	Tamarack Avenue	El Camino Real and La Portalada Drive	9,609	A	8,093	A	7,831	A	8,453	A	8,428	A	
28	Paseo Del Norte	Camino Del Parque (North) and Palomar Airport Road	9,054	A	9,411	A	9,226	A	8,791	A	8,125	A	
29	Paseo Del Norte	Palomar Airport Road and Car Country Drive	10,362	A	10,477	A	10,689	A	10,246	A	9,473	A	
30	Cannon Road	Paseo Del Norte and Car Country Drive	21,539	A	24,071	A	25,052	A	22,778	A	21,709	A	
31	Cannon Road	El Camino Real and College Boulevard			18,905	D	19,986	D	19,396	D	16,586	В	
32	College Boulevard	Tamarack Avenue (North) and North City Limits			25,609	A	27,381	A	25,690	A	23,740	A	
33	College Boulevard	Palomar Airport Road and Aston Avenue	12,736	A	13,761	A	14,484	A	13,718	A	13,810	A	
34	Alga Road	Corintia Street and El Fuerte Street	13,166	A	12,784	A			11,482	A	10,632	A	

The remaining mid-block links operated at LOS A for the Summer 2008 count program. The location of the high volume links along with the corresponding level of service is listed below:

Location		2004 Summer	2005 Summer	2006 Summer	2007 Summer	2008 Summer
No.	Location	LOS	LOS	LOS	LOS	LOS
30	Cannon Road	-	D	D	$\overline{\mathrm{D}}$	$\overline{\mathrm{B}}$
	between El Camino Real					
	and College Boulevard			•		

The LOS B calculated for Cannon Road between El Camino Real and College Boulevard was for the peak hour eastbound direction. This location experienced a ten (10) percent decrease in the peak hour eastbound direction and a five (5) percent overall decrease in daily traffic volumes.

Thirty-three (33) of the mid-block link locations for this 2008 report were previously analyzed in the 2007 report. Palomar Airport Road between El Fuerte and Melrose Drive is the new count location for this year and had not been analyzed previously. Of these thirty-three (33) locations, thirty-one (31) link count stations experienced a decrease in ADT from the previous count period. It is important to note that only two locations had an increase in ADT from the previous count period. The increases ranged from a little less than one (1) percent to approximately two (2) percent with an average increase of about two (2) percent. The other thirty-one (31) sites showed a decrease in the recorded ADT volumes from the previous count period. The majority of the mid-block locations experienced decreases from last year, the decreases ranged from less than one (1) percent to twenty (20) percent with an average decrease of nine (9) percent. Based on the thirty-one (31) comparative locations, overall traffic volumes have decreased by about eight (8) percent during the last year.

The following are recent extension projects, which continue to change traffic patterns within the immediate vicinity of its respective project:

- The College Boulevard/Cannon Road extension projects were constructed in August 2004 prior to the 2005 count period.
- The northerly extension of Melrose Drive at the intersection of Palomar Airport Road, which was completed after the traffic counts for the 2006 count season.
- The extension of Faraday Avenue from Orion Street to Melrose Drive opened to traffic in October 2007.

These extension projects now provide an alternate connection to State Route 78 from Faraday Avenue, College Boulevard, Cannon Road and Melrose Drive without traveling through the intersection of El Camino Real and Palomar Airport Road. Prior to these connections, access to State Route 78 within the immediate project area was provided at the El Camino Real/State Route 78 interchange only.

The two locations that experienced increases in 2008 volumes were Rancho Santa Fe Road between Olivenhain Road and Avenida La Posta and College Boulevard between Palomar Airport Road and Aston Avenue (midblock locations #24 and #33) which showed an average increase of about two (2) percent.

Street improvements and alternate routes have again been implemented during this time period and only one mid-block link continues to operate worse than Level of Service A. This indicates that the numbers of through lanes provided on major roadways in the City of Carlsbad are generally appropriate for the prevailing traffic conditions. The following is a list of midblock locations, which experienced decreases of fifteen (15) percent or higher.

Location	Segment	% decrease from year 2007
3	Palomar Airport Road: El Camino Real to Loker Ave. W.	-17%
6	El Camino Real: Plaza Drive to Marron Road	-15%
10	El Camino Real: Arenal Road to Costa Del Mar Road	-15%
11	El Camino Real: La Costa Avenue to Levante Street	-18%
12	El Camino Real: Levante Street to Calle Barcelona	-20%
17	Carlsbad Boulevard: Cannon Road to Cerezo Drive	-15%
18	Carlsbad Boulevard: Poinsettia Lane to Island Way	-20%

Due to the overall decrease in traffic volumes, which may be attributed to a number of factors including higher gas prices and the overall economic condition of the region, a review of the last five years of data from the year 2004 to present was conducted. Twenty (20) of the twenty-nine (29) comparable locations have experienced a decrease, while nine (9) have experienced increase. These decreases ranged from less than one (1) percent to thirty-six (36) percent, with the highest decreases occurring along Palomar Airport Road east of El Camino Real and El Camino Real north of Kelly Drive, experiencing an average decreases over the five (5) year period of more than thirty (30) percent. The increases over the five-year period ranged from less than one (1) percent to forty (40) percent, with the highest increase occurring along Melrose Drive between Palomar Airport Road and Rancho Bravado.

It is important to recognize that although mid-block link analysis is an accurate assessment of the number of through lanes provided on major street segments, roadway conditions in an urban setting are often determined by the operations at major intersections. Chapter 3 provides a description of intersection operations in Carlsbad in the Summer 2008 count period. In summary, the information in this chapter, coupled with the capacity analysis of signalized intersections in Chapter 3, will enable the City of Carlsbad to accurately determine the current state of the entire circulation system.

3. INTERSECTION TURN MOVEMENT COUNTS

Intersection turn movement counts were conducted at sixty-five (65) intersections. **Figure 3-1** graphically identifies the location of each of the intersections included in the study. The turn movement counts were conducted during the AM peak period (6:00 to 9:00 AM) and the PM peak period (3:30 to 6:30 PM). The data from each three-hour period was subdivided into fifteen-minute intervals, and vehicle turning movement counts were summarized during each interval. This assured that the peak hour would be clearly identified for both the AM and PM peak periods. All counts were conducted during the middle of the week (either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) and the actual count day(s) and date(s) are shown in the Appendix.

To aid in the reduction of the field data, Rick Engineering Company utilized an in-house computer software application program. The program utilizes an Excel spreadsheet to identify peak hour volume conditions and peak hour factors and perform ICU calculations. The ICU calculations for signalized intersections were conducted for both the AM and PM peak hours for all sixty-five (65) intersections.

ICU calculations were performed based on the following lane group capacities:

Lane Group	<u>Capacity</u>
Thru Lanes	2000 vehicles per hour green per lane
Turn Lanes	1800 vehicles per hour green per lane
Dual Turn Lanes	1800 vehicles per hour green per lane

These lane group capacities were based on field studies conducted during the 1991 Traffic Monitoring Program with the exception of the Dual Turn Lanes capacity, which has been increased from 1620 to 1800 vehicles per hour green per lane, and implemented during the year 2000 Traffic Monitoring Program (TMP), based upon field studies.



Count Locations

Intersection Count Location XX Intersection Count Number

RICK ENGINEERING COMPANY The 2008 intersection ICU was correlated to the level of service for the sixty-five (65) signalized locations as follows:

SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS LEVEL OF SERVICE RANGES (ICU Methodology)

Ratio	LOS
0.00 - 0.60	A
0.61 - 0.70	В
0.71 - 0.80	Ċ
0.81 - 0.90	D
0.91 - 1.00	E
Greater than 1.00	F

It is important to note that the ICU procedure was developed for use at individual signalized intersections. At locations where traffic volumes are heavy, it is possible for traffic waiting at a signalized intersection to back up into nearby adjacent intersections. When this occurs, drivers may experience additional delay. The ICU procedure does not address this situation. Instead, the ICU procedure reports the level of service at each intersection as if there were no traffic backups from adjacent intersections. Based on observations of traffic along the street system in Carlsbad, traffic backups from adjacent intersections tend to occur in the area of Palomar Airport Road east of Interstate Highway 5, Cannon Road east of Interstate 5 and in the area of El Camino Real south of State Route 78. In these areas, the results of the ICU procedure should be used with the knowledge that the procedure may report better results than are actually achieved. For certain types of analyses, it may be desirable to utilize intersection capacity procedures more detailed than the ICU procedure that are designed to analyze systems of signalized intersections.

In previous years, unsignalized minor-street stop-controlled intersections were included in the Traffic Monitoring Program. However, no unsignalized intersections were analyzed for the 2008 Traffic Monitoring Program.

The following observations were made during the course of the 2008 count program:

• The Traffic Monitoring Program intersections along El Camino Real between State Route 78 and Cannon Road have continued to result in continued improved operations levels due to reduced daily and peak hour volumes along these segments. This is partly due to the College Boulevard, Cannon Road and Melrose Drive extension projects that now provide an alternate connection to State Route 78. Also, with traffic volumes down overall in the City of Carlsbad, it is reasonable to assume that less traffic is accessing State Route 78 in the northern portion of the City.

- 2008 is the first year that the intersections of Palomar Airport Road and Palomar Oaks Way, Palomar Airport Road and Loker Avenue/Innovation Way and Cannon Road and LEGOLAND Drive were counted/analyzed as part of the Traffic Monitoring Program.
- This is the second year in more than ten years that the intersection of El Camino Real and Palomar Airport Road has operated at Level of Service C or better. This is partially due to the completion of the College Boulevard/Cannon Road extension projects as well as the northerly extension of Melrose Drive at the intersection of Palomar Airport Road and the extension of Faraday Avenue to Melrose Drive, which continue to change traffic patterns within their immediate project areas.

After analyzing the results of the Summer 2008 count season, only one (1) intersection was identified as operating at a high LOS C (on the cusp of LOS D) during the AM or PM peak hours (No intersections were calculated to operate at LOS D, LOS E or LOS F):

Location #	Intersection	<u>ICU</u>	<u>LOS</u>	<u>Period</u>
20	Palomar Airport Road and Avenida Encinas	0.80	C	PM peak

The ICU and LOS for the Summer count seasons of 2004 through 2008 are summarized in **Table 3-1**. In addition, **Figure 3-2** and **Figure 3-3** graphically illustrate the intersection Levels of Service for the AM and PM peak periods, respectively. A discussion of traffic operations at one (1) intersection identified as operating at a high LOS C (on the cusp of LOS D) is as follows:

Palomar Airport Road and Avenida Encinas (#20)

This intersection is operating at a high LOS C (on the cusp of LOS D) and has not operated above a low LOS C since the year 2005 in the PM peak hour with an ICU ratio of 0.75. However, this year's ICU ratio increased in the PM to an ICU ratio of 0.80 LOS C during the PM peak hour. The primary reason for this years' high LOS C is an increase in the northbound right turn and westbound through volumes in the PM peak hour. Although volumes at critical movements such as the northbound right and westbound through continue to be high, with more than 350 vehicles per hour recorded for the northbound right turn movement during the PM peak hour, a recommendation to consider is to modify the signal operations and phasing to provide for a northbound to eastbound right-turn overlap. To be conservative, a right turn on red reduction was not considered for the northbound right turn at this time. If this intersection continues to experience an increase in volume to these particular movements and the Level of Service deteriorates further, a right turn on red adjustment should be considered before further physical improvements. This intersection, especially the northbound right and westbound through, should continue to be monitored as traffic patterns continue to adjust as new alternate routes are constructed.

Table 3-1
INTERSECTION CAPACITY UTILIZATION
ANALYSIS SUMMARY

			SUMMER 2004 PEAK HOUR				SUMMER 2005 PEAK HOUR				SUMMER 2006 PEAK HOUR				SUMMER 2007 PEAK HOUR				SUMMER 2008 PEAK HOUR			
		Al	М	P	M	A	М	P	М	A	М	PN	M	A	М	P!	М	A!	М	PN	vI	
Count #	Count Intersection/Location	ICU Ratio	LOS	ICU Ratio	LOS																	
1	El Camino Real & Plaza Drive	0.51	A	0.66	В	0.33	A	0.71	С	0.34	A	0.60	A	0.35	A	0.65	В	0.34	A	0.65	В	
2	El Camino Real & Marron Road	0.53	A	0.56	A	0.38	A	0.52	A	0.35	A	0.53	A	0.37	A	0.55	A	0.35	A	0.49	A	
3	El Camino Real & Hosp Way	0.47	A	0.49	A	0.38	A	0.43	Α	0.37	A	0.45	A	0.37	A	0.45	A	0.35	A	0.41	A	
4	El Camino Real & Carlsbad Village Drive	0.60	Α	0.70	В	0.50	A	0.58	A	0.44	A	0.52	A	0.49	A	0.63	В	0.44	A	0.57	A	
5	El Camino Real & Tamarack Avenue	0.84	D	0.71	C	0.75	C	0.58	A	0.69	В	0.58	A	0.67	В	0.58	A	0.67	В	0.55	A	
6	El Camino Real & Cannon Road	0.49	A	0.74	C	0.68	В	0.88	D	0.65	В	0.85	D	0.66	В	0.85	D	0.59	Α	0.72	С	
7	El Camino Real & College Boulevard	0.55	A	0.54	A	0.61	В	0.58	A	0.61	В	0.58	A	0.57	Α	0.57	Α	0.58	Α	0.58	A	
8	El Camino Real & Faraday Avenue	0.66	В	0.79	C	0.68	В	0.77	C	0.69	В	0.73	C	0.70	В	0.75	С	0.66	В	0.65	В	
9	El Camino Real & Palomar Airport Road	0.69	В	0.93	E	0.66	В	0.82	D	0.68	В	0.81	D	0.68	В	0.77	С	0.55	A	0.75	С	
10	El Camino Real & Town Garden Road					0.35	A	0.43	Α	0.35	A	0.43	A	0.38	A	0.46	A	0.39	A	0.41	A	
11	El Camino Real & Camino Vida Roble	0.42	A	0.57	A	0.41	A	0.55	A	0.40	A	0.62	В	0.38	A	0.59	A	0.42	Α	0.56	A	
12	El Camino Real & Cassia Road					0.53	A	0.53	Α	0.52	A	0.51	A	0.58	A	0.62	В	0.59	A	0.56	A	
13	El Camino Real & Poinsettia Lane									0.35	A	0.57	A	0.40	A	0.56	A	0.34	A	0.54	A	
14	El Camino Real & Dove Lane	0.40	A	0.58	A	0.34	A	0.55	A	0.34	A	0.54	A	0.38	Α	0.59	A	0.37	Α	0.59	A	
15	El Camino Real & Alga Road / Aviara Parkway	0.68	В	0.82	D	0.68	В	0.81	D	0.63	В	0.77	C	0.75	С	0.72	С	0.55	Α	0.73	С	
16	El Camino Real & Arenal Road					0.65	В	0.75	C	0.67	В	0.77	C	0.63	В	0.73	C	0.62	В	0.73	C	
17	El Camino Real & La Costa Avenue	0.73	C	0.75	C	0.57	A	0.62	В	0.72	C	0.64	В	0.70	В	0.74	С	0.63	В	0.77	С	
18	El Camino Real & Levante Street	0.50	Α	0.57	A	0.47	A	0.48	Α	0.45	A	0.49	A	0.44	Α	0.50	A	0.39	A	0.50	A	
19	El Camino Real & Calle Barcelona	0.53	A	0.60	A	0.50	A	0.52	A	0.51	A	0.56	A	0.52	Α	0.58	A	0.46	Α	0.62	В	
20	Palomar Airport Road & Avenida Encinas	0.56	A	0.74	C	0.52	A	0.75	C	0.55	A	0.72	C	0.53	A	0.70	В	0.51	A	0.80	C	
21	Palomar Airport Road & Paseo del Norte	0.59	Α	0.72	C	0.61	В	0.73	C	0.63	В	0.79	C	0.60	A	0.72	С	0.59	A	0.67	В	
22	Palomar Airport Road & Armada Drive / Costco Entrance	0.54	A	0.67	В	0.50	A	0.71	C	0.51	A	0.73	C	0.53	A	0.66	В	0.56	A	0.70	В	
23	Palomar Airport Road & Hidden Valley Road/The Crossings Drive									0.50	A	0.62	В	0.54	A	0.57	A	0.52	A	0.65	В	
24	Palomar Airport Road & College Boulevard/Aviara Parkway	0.54	Α	0.74	C	0.61	В	0.68	В	0.53	A	0.69	В	0.62	В	0.70	В	0.59	A	0.72	С	
25	Palomar Airport Road & Palomar Oaks Way																	0.44	A	0.52	A	
26	Palomar Airport Road & Camino Vida Roble	0.59	A	0.55	A	0.51	A	0.49	A	0.54	A	0.57	A	0.53	A	0.53	A	0.52	A	0.53	A	
27	Palomar Airport Road & Yarrow Drive					0.45	A	0.52	A	0.47	A	0.49	A	0.47	A	0.51	A	0.50	A	0.56	A	
28	Palomar Airport Road & Loker Avenue West/Innovation Way																	0.75	C	0.68	В	
29	Palomar Airport Road & El Fuerte Street	0.76	С	0.68	В	0.76	С	0.64	В	0.78	С	0.67	В	0.73	С	0.71	С	0.63	В	0.61	В	
30	Palomar Airport Road & Melrose Drive	0.92	E	0.79	С	0.54	A	0.73	С	0.65	В	0.75	С	0.82	D	0.71	C	0.68	В	0.68	В	
31	Palomar Airport Road & Paseo Valindo/Eagle Drive					0.59	A	0.67	В	0.67	В	0.67	В	0.49	A	0.52	A	0.46	A	0.52	A	
32	Carlsbad Boulevard & Carlsbad Village Drive	0.43	A	0.62	В	0.37	A	0.61	В	0.38	A	0.57	Α	0.30	A	0.59	A	0.29	A	0.57	A	
33	Carlsbad Boulevard & Tamarack Avenue	0.50	A	0.59	A	0.45	A	0.56	A	0.43	A	0.61	В	0.44	A	0.56	A	0.41	A	0.46	A	

Table 3-1 (Continued) INTERSECTION CAPACITY UTILIZATION ANALYSIS SUMMARY

			SUMMER 2004 PEAK HOUR				SUMMER 2005 PEAK HOUR				SUMMER 2006 PEAK HOUR				SUMMER 2007 PEAK HOUR				SUMMER 2008 PEAK HOUR		
		A	М	P	М	A	М	P!	М	A!	М	P	М	AM		PM		AM		PM	
Count #	Count Intersection/Location		LOS	ICU Ratio	LOS	ICU Ratio	LOS	ICU Ratio	LOS												
34	Carlsbad Boulevard & Cannon Road	0.59	A	0.88	D	0.62	В	0.81	D	0.70	В	0.80	C	0.49	A	0.77	С	0.35	A	0.69	В
35	Carlsbad Boulevard & Poinsettia Lane	0.38	A	0.41	A	0.49	A	0.51	A	0.48	A	0.42	Α	0.53	A	0.52	A	0.26	A	0.26	A
36	Carlsbad Boulevard & Avenida Encinas													0.44	A	0.50	A	0.30	A	0.32	A
37	Rancho Santa Fe Road & San Elijo Road	0.76	C	0.89	D	0.67	В	0.75	C	0.51	A	0.52	Α	0.51	A	0.62	В	0.51	A	0.69	В
38	Rancho Santa Fe Road & La Costa Avenue	0.79	C	0.77	C	0.64	В	0.57	A	0.58	A	0.56	Α	0.63	В	0.62	В	0.60	A	0.62	В
39	Rancho Santa Fe Road & Olivenhain Road/Camino Alvaro	0.61	В	0.61	В	0.68	В	0.77	C	0.80	C	0.73	C	0.73	С	0.81	D	0.67	В	0.75	С
40	Carlsbad Village Drive & State Street	0.26	A	0.35	A	0.24	A	0.38	A	0.25	A	0.39	Α	0.24	Α	0.37	Α	0.25	Α	0.37	Α
41	Carlsbad Village Drive & Harding Street	0.37	A	0.53	A	0.35	A	0.54	A	0.40	A	0.52	Α	0.34	Α	0.54	Α	0.33	Α	0.53	Α
42	Poinsettia Lane and Aviara Parkway	0.42	Α	0.48	Α	0.41	A	0.50	A	0.43	A	0.55	Α	0.44	Α	0.54	Α	0.42	Α	0.52	Α
43	Poinsetta Lane & Paseo del Norte/Lowder Lane	0.53	A	0.62	В	0.50	A	0.67	В	0.52	A	0.66	В	0.57	A	0.64	В	0.55	A	0.65	В
44	Poinsetta Lane & Avienda Encinas	0.41	A	0.61	В	0.42	Α	0.74	C	0.39	A	0.58	Α	0.42	A	0.61	В	0.44	A	0.62	В
45	Alga Road & Melrose Drive	0.44	A	0.60	Α	0.48	Α	0.54	A	0.50	A	0.66	В	0.53	A	0.67	В	0.48	A	0.56	Α
46	Alga Road & El Fuerte Street	0.29	A	0.35	A	0.31	Α	0.34	A					0.25	A	0.34	A	0.24	A	0.30	A
47	Jefferson Street & Marron Road	0.46	A	0.65	В	0.37	Α	0.62	В	0.39	A	0.59	Α	0.33	A	0.58	A	0.38	A	0.63	В
48	Monroe Street & Marron Road	0.26	A	0.46	Α	0.26	Α	0.41	A	0.23	A	0.35	Α	0.24	A	0.37	A	0.23	A	0.35	A
49	Cannon Road & Paseo Del Norte					0.64	В	0.54	A	0.69	В	0.54	Α	0.59	Α	0.50	Α	0.57	Α	0.50	Α
50	Cannon Road & LEGOLAND Drive																	0.41	A	0.48	A
51	College Boulevard & Tamarack Avenue (S)					0.42	A	0.58	A	0.52	A	0.61	В	0.50	Α	0.56	A	0.44	A	0.51	A
52	College Boulevard & Carlsbad Village Drive/Peninsula Drive									0.43	A	0.61	В	0.52	Α	0.57	Α	0.48	A	0.48	A
53	College Boulevard & Faraday Avenue	0.41	A	0.44	A	0.39	A	0.41	A					0.44	Α	0.48	Α	0.44	A	0.50	A
54	I-5/Carlsbad Village Drive Southbound Ramps	0.50	A	0.73	C	0.52	A	0.79	C	0.53	A	0.77	C	0.49	Α	0.74	С	0.46	Α	0.63	В
55	I-5/Carlsbad Village Drive Northbound Ramps	0.54	A	0.72	C	0.55	A	0.66	В	0.52	A	0.72	C	0.49	Α	0.72	C	0.52	A	0.69	В
56	I-5/Tamarack Avenue Southbound Ramps	0.60	A	0.49	A	0.56	A	0.49	A	0.46	A	0.48	A	0.53	Α	0.45	A	0.46	A	0.53	A
57	I-5/Tamarack Avenue Northbound Ramps	0.47	A	0.56	A	0.55	A	0.61	В	0.45	A	0.59	A	0.45	Α	0.57	Α	0.44	A	0.61	В
58	I-5/Cannon Road Southbound Ramps	0.55	A	0.43	A	0.50	A	0.54	A	0.51	A	0.43	Α	0.50	Α	0.45	Α	0.51	Α	0.48	A
59	I-5/Cannon Road Northbound Ramps	0.61	В	0.69	В	0.56	A	0.54	A	0.55	A	0.57	A	0.52	Α	0.57	A	0.49	Α	0.56	Α
60	I-5/Palomar Airport Road Southbound Ramps	0.47	A	0.50	A	0.51	A	0.45	A	0.49	A	0.49	A	0.49	Α	0.50	A	0.47	A	0.51	A
61	I-5/Palomar Airport Road Northbound Ramps	0.64	В	0.65	В	0.64	В	0.68	В	0.72	C	0.73	C	0.70	В	0.75	C	0.66	В	0.72	C
62	I-5/Poinsettia Lane Southbound Ramps	0.41	A	0.53	A	0.39	A	0.67	В	0.46	A	0.68	В	0.49	A	0.53	A	0.46	A	0.53	A
63	I-5/Poinsettia Lane Northbound Ramps	0.50	A	0.51	A	0.58	A	0.56	A	0.61	В	0.54	A	0.61	В	0.49	A	0.54	A	0.58	A
64	I-5/La Costa Avenue Southbound Ramps	0.43	A	0.53	A	0.55	A	0.48	A	0.51	A	0.52	A	0.56	A	0.54	A	0.53	A	0.54	A
65	I-5/La Costa Avenue Northbound Ramps	0.55	A	0.57	A	0.60	A	0.48	A	0.58	A	0.59	Α	0.65	В	0.65	В	0.60	A	0.70	В



10/22/2008 Legend:

Legend:

LOS A, B or C LOS D

XX Intersection Count Location LOS E LOS F









4. CONCLUSIONS

The scope of work for this project was developed to allow the City of Carlsbad to monitor growth at several intersections and mid-block locations that have been studied since 1989, as well as monitor new locations. Sixty-three (63) out of sixty-five (65) intersections and thirty-three (33) out of thirty-four (34) mid-block link locations have been studied in previous Traffic Monitoring Reports.

The results of the mid-block link counts indicate that overall traffic has decreased by an average of eight (8) percent from last year. All roadway segments were calculated to operate at LOS A with the exception of the following location:

Location #	Segment	v/c	<u>LOS</u>
30	Cannon Road: El Camino Real to College Boulevard	0.68	В

The information contained in Chapter 3 identifies the one (1) critical intersection from the sixty-five (65) study locations operating at a high LOS C (on the cusp of LOS D):

Location #	Intersection	<u>ICU</u>	<u>LOS</u>	<u>Period</u>
20	Palomar Airport Road and Avenida Encinas	0.80	C	PM peak

Suggestions for improvement of this intersection are described in Chapter 3. The remaining signalized intersections were found to have acceptable levels of services. It can be concluded that operations at these remaining intersections may require periodic monitoring and additional geometric analysis.

In conclusion, this report was developed for the City of Carlsbad as the twentieth annual Traffic Monitoring Program for the Growth Management Plan. Critical intersections have been identified and potential mitigation measures have been discussed. The intent of this document is to provide City staff with an indication of the current status of the overall circulation system in terms of intersection and segment capacities and Levels of Service. This report will also be used as a tool for the accurate identification of conditions in specific areas of the City and to identify critical locations that warrant close attention in the future. The City may utilize the conclusions of this report to aid in the creation of a future scope of work for additional traffic monitoring.

APPENDIX A

INTERSECTION SUMMARY

INTERSECTION TURN MOVEMENT COUNTS

Sixty-five (65) key intersections were identified by the City of Carlsbad to be studied under the Traffic Monitoring Program of the Growth Management Plan. Figure A-1 graphically identifies the location of each of the intersections included in the study. Table A-1 documents the dates on which each turning movement count was performed.

The data was collected for the AM and PM peak periods and completed during the months of July and August of 2008. The AM peak period was from 6:00 to 9:00 AM, and the PM peak period was from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. It consisted of turn movement counts for each approach for all sixty-five (65) intersections. Pedestrian and U-turn volume was also collected at each intersection. The data was then reduced and intersection capacity utilization analysis was performed for each signalized intersection.

Table A-2 summarizes the results of this initial ICU analysis. The table presents calculated Levels of Service for all sixty-five (65) intersections during the AM and PM peak hours. When reviewing the reduced intersection data within the following appendix, it should be noted that pedestrian flow for a given vehicular approach is the flow in the crosswalk interfering with right turns from the approach. Thus, for a westbound approach, the pedestrian flow in the north crosswalk would be used; for an eastbound approach, the south-crosswalk flow; for a northbound approach, the east-crosswalk flow; and for a southbound approach, the west-crosswalk flow.

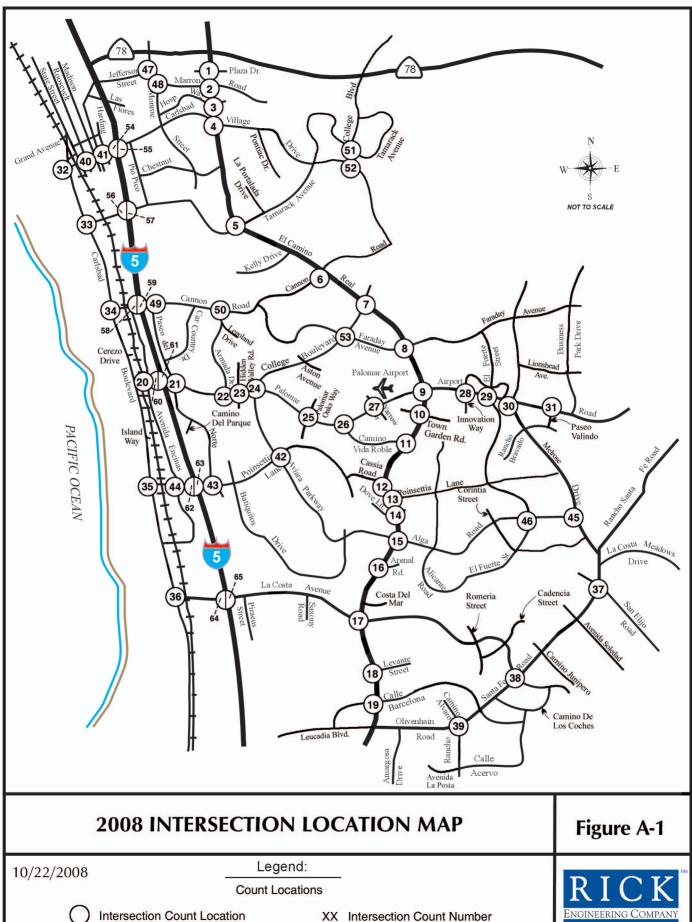


Table A-1
COUNT DATE SUMMARY SHEET
2008 TRAFFIC MONITORING PROGRAM

Location Number	Count Intersection/Location	Count Day	Count Date
1	El Camino Real & Plaza Drive	Tues.	7/15
2	El Camino Real & Marron Road	Tues.	7/15
3	El Camino Real & Hosp Way	Tues.	7/15
4	El Camino Real & Carlsbad Village Drive	Wed.	7/16
5	El Camino Real & Tamarack Avenue	Wed.	7/16
6	El Camino Real & Cannon Road	Wed.	7/16
7	El Camino Real & College Boulevard	Thurs.	7/17
8	El Camino Real & Faraday Avenue	Thurs.	7/17
9	El Camino Real & Palomar Airport Road	Wed.	7/9
10	El Camino Real & Town Garden Road	Wed.	7/9
11	El Camino Real & Camino Vida Roble	Wed.	7/9
12	El Camino Real & Cassia Road	Thurs.	7/24
13	El Camino Real & Poinsettia Lane	Thurs.	7/24
14	El Camino Real & Dove Lane	Thurs.	7/24
15	El Camino Real & Alga Road / Aviara Parkway	Thurs.	7/24
16	El Camino Real & Arenal Road	Tues.	7/22
17	El Camino Real & La Costa Avenue	Tues.	7/22
18	El Camino Real & Levante Street	Tues.	7/22
19	El Camino Real & Calle Barcelona	Tues.	7/22
20	Palomar Airport Road & Avenida Encinas	Tues.	7/8
21	Palomar Airport Road & Paseo del Norte	Tues.	7/8
22	Palomar Airport Road & Armada Drive / Costco Entrance	Thurs.	7/17
23	Palomar Airport Road & Hidden Valley Road/The Crossings Drive	Thurs.	7/17
24	Palomar Airport Road & College Boulevard/Aviara Parkway	Thurs.	7/17
25	Palomar Airport Road & Palomar Oaks Way	Tues.	8/5
26	Palomar Airport Road & Camino Vida Roble	Wed.	7/9
27	Palomar Airport Road & Yarrow Drive	Thurs.	7/9
28	Palomar Airport Road & Loker Avenue West/Innovation Way	Thurs.	7/10
29	Palomar Airport Road & El Fuerte Street	Thurs.	7/10
30	Palomar Airport Road & Melrose Drive	Thurs.	7/10
31	Palomar Airport Road & Paseo Valindo/Eagle Drive	Thurs.	7/10
32	Carlsbad Boulevard & Carlsbad Village Drive	Wed.	7/30
33	Carlsbad Boulevard & Tamarack Avenue	Tues.	7/29

Table A-1 (Continued)

COUNT DATE SUMMARY SHEET 2008 TRAFFIC MONITORING PROGRAM

Location Number	Count Intersection/Location	Count Day	Day Count Date	
34	Carlsbad Boulevard & Cannon Road	Wed.	7/30	
35	Carlsbad Boulevard & Poinsettia Lane	Wed.	8/6	
36	Carlsbad Boulevard & Avenida Encinas	Wed.	8/6	
37	Rancho Santa Fe Road & San Elijo Road	Wed.	7/23	
38	Rancho Santa Fe Road & La Costa Avenue	Wed.	7/23	
39	Rancho Santa Fe Road & Olivenhain Road/Camino Alvaro	Wed	7/23	
40	Carlsbad Village Drive & State Street	Tues.	7/29	
41	Carlsbad Village Drive & Harding Street	Tues.	7/29	
42	Poinsettia Lane and Aviara Parkway	Tues.	8/5	
43	Poinsettia Lane & Paseo del Norte/Lowder Lane	Tues.	8/5	
44	Poinsettia Lane & Avenida Encinas	Wed.	8/6	
45	Alga Road & Melrose Drive	Wed.	7/23	
46	Alga Road & El Fuerte Street	Wed.	7/23	
47	Jefferson Street & Marron Road	Tues.	7/15	
48	Monroe Street & Marron Road	Tues.	7/15	
49	Cannon Road & Paseo Del Norte	Thurs.	7/31	
50	Cannon Road & LEGOLAND Drive	Thurs.	7/31	
51	College Boulevard & Tamarack Avenue (S)	Wed.	7/16	
52	College Boulevard & Carlsbad Village Drive/Peninsula Drive	Wed.	7/16	
53	College Boulevard & Faraday Avenue	Thurs.	7/31	
54	I-5/Carlsbad Village Drive Southbound Ramps	Tues.	7/29	
55	I-5/Carlsbad Village Drive Northbound Ramps	Tues.	7/29	
56	I-5/Tamarack Avenue Southbound Ramps	Wed.	7/30	
57	I-5/Tamarack Avenue Northbound Ramps	Wed.	7/30	
58	I-5/Cannon Road Southbound Ramps	Thurs.	7/31	
59	I-5/Cannon Road Northbound Ramps	Thurs.	7/31	
60	I-5/Palomar Airport Road Southbound Ramps	Tues.	7/8	
61	I-5/Palomar Airport Road Northbound Ramps	Tues.	8/5	
62	I-5/Poinsettia Lane Southbound Ramps	Tues.	8/5	
63	I-5/Poinsettia Lane Northbound Ramps	Tues.	7/22	
64	I-5/La Costa Avenue Southbound Ramps	Wed.	8/6	
65	I-5/La Costa Avenue Northbound Ramps	Wed.	8/6	

Table A-2
INTERSECTION LEVEL OF SERVICE
2008 TRAFFIC MONITORING PROGRAM

Location Number	Count Intersection/Location	AM		PM	
		ICU Ratio	LOS	ICU Ratio	LOS
1	El Camino Real & Plaza Drive	0.34	A	0.65	В
2	El Camino Real & Marron Road	0.35	A	0.49	A
3	El Camino Real & Hosp Way	0.35	A	0.41	A
4	El Camino Real & Carlsbad Village Drive	0.44	A	0.57	A
5	El Camino Real & Tamarack Avenue	0.67	В	0.55	A
6	El Camino Real & Cannon Road	0.59	A	0.72	C
7	El Camino Real & College Boulevard	0.58	A	0.58	A
8	El Camino Real & Faraday Avenue	0.66	В	0.65	В
9	El Camino Real & Palomar Airport Road	0.55	A	0.75	C
10	El Camino Real & Town Garden Road	0.39	A	0.41	A
11	El Camino Real & Camino Vida Roble	0.42	A	0.56	A
12	El Camino Real & Cassia Road	0.59	A	0.56	A
13	El Camino Real & Poinsettia Lane	0.34	A	0.54	A
14	El Camino Real & Dove Lane	0.37	A	0.59	A
15	El Camino Real & Alga Road / Aviara Parkway	0.55	A	0.73	C
16	El Camino Real & Arenal Road	0.62	В	0.73	C
17	El Camino Real & La Costa Avenue	0.63	В	0.77	C
18	El Camino Real & Levante Street	0.39	A	0.50	A
19	El Camino Real & Calle Barcelona	0.46	A	0.62	В
20	Palomar Airport Road & Avenida Encinas	0.51	A	0.80	C
21	Palomar Airport Road & Paseo del Norte	0.59	A	0.67	В
22	Palomar Airport Road & Armada Drive / Costco Entrance	0.56	A	0.70	В
23	Palomar Airport Road & Hidden Valley Road/The Crossings Drive	0.52	A	0.65	В
24	Palomar Airport Road & College Boulevard/Aviara Parkway	0.59	A	0.72	C
25	Palomar Airport Road & Palomar Oaks Way	0.44	A	0.52	A
26	Palomar Airport Road & Camino Vida Roble	0.52	A	0.53	A
27	Palomar Airport Road & Yarrow Drive	0.50	A	0.56	A
28	Palomar Airport Road & Loker Avenue West/Innovation Way	0.75	C	0.68	В
29	Palomar Airport Road & El Fuerte Street	0.63	В	0.61	В
30	Palomar Airport Road & Melrose Drive	0.68	В	0.68	В
31	Palomar Airport Road & Paseo Valindo/Eagle Drive	0.46	A	0.52	A
32	Carlsbad Boulevard & Carlsbad Village Drive	0.29	A	0.57	A
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Table A-2 (Continued)

INTERSECTION LEVEL OF SERVICE 2008 TRAFFIC MONITORING PROGRAM

Location Number	Count Intersection/Location	AM		PM	
		ICU Ratio	LOS	ICU Ratio	LOS
34	Carlsbad Boulevard & Cannon Road	0.35	A	0.69	В
35	Carlsbad Boulevard & Poinsettia Lane	0.26	A	0.26	A
36	Carlsbad Boulevard & Avenida Encinas	0.30	A	0.32	A
37	Rancho Santa Fe Road & San Elijo Road	0.51	A	0.69	В
38	Rancho Santa Fe Road & La Costa Avenue	0.60	A	0.62	В
39	Rancho Santa Fe Road & Olivenhain Road/Camino Alvaro	0.67	В	0.75	C
40	Carlsbad Village Drive & State Street	0.25	A	0.37	A
41	Carlsbad Village Drive & Harding Street	0.33	A	0.53	A
42	Poinsettia Lane and Aviara Parkway	0.42	A	0.52	Α
43	Poinsettia Lane & Paseo del Norte/Lowder Lane	0.55	A	0.65	В
44	Poinsettia Lane & Avenida Encinas	0.44	A	0.62	В
45	Alga Road & Melrose Drive	0.48	A	0.56	A
46	Alga Road & El Fuerte Street	0.24	A	0.30	A
47	Jefferson Street & Marron Road	0.38	A	0.63	В
48	Monroe Street & Marron Road	0.23	A	0.35	A
49	Cannon Road & Paseo Del Norte	0.57	A	0.50	A
50	Cannon Road & LEGOLAND Drive	0.41	A	0.48	A
51	College Boulevard & Tamarack Avenue (S)	0.44	A	0.51	A
52	College Boulevard & Carlsbad Village Drive/Peninsula Drive	0.48	A	0.48	A
53	College Boulevard & Faraday Avenue	0.44	A	0.50	A
54	I-5/Carlsbad Village Drive Southbound Ramps	0.46	A	0.63	В
55	I-5/Carlsbad Village Drive Northbound Ramps	0.52	A	0.69	В
56	I-5/Tamarack Avenue Southbound Ramps	0.46	A	0.53	A
57	I-5/Tamarack Avenue Northbound Ramps	0.44	A	0.61	В
58	I-5/Cannon Road Southbound Ramps	0.51	A	0.48	A
59	I-5/Cannon Road Northbound Ramps	0.49	A	0.56	A
60	I-5/Palomar Airport Road Southbound Ramps	0.47	A	0.51	A
61	I-5/Palomar Airport Road Northbound Ramps	0.66	В	0.72	C
62	I-5/Poinsettia Lane Southbound Ramps	0.46	A	0.53	A
63	I-5/Poinsettia Lane Northbound Ramps	0.54	A	0.58	A
64	I-5/La Costa Avenue Southbound Ramps	0.53	A	0.54	A
65	I-5/La Costa Avenue Northbound Ramps	0.60	A	0.70	В